

House Resolution 245

By: Representatives Hill of the 180th, Sims of the 119th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jerguson of the 22nd, Barnard of the 166th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 6, 2009, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the
4 third leading cause of death in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, each year, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of almost 460,000 American
6 females, about one death per minute; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as
8 compared to 47 percent in men, and 61 percent of all stroke death victims are females; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2008, the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases in the United
10 States, including stroke, was estimated to be \$448.5 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, more women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases
12 than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers, yet only 21
13 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

14 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month, and "Go Red For Women"
15 is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about the leading
16 cause of death for women, heart disease, and to inspire women to take charge of their heart
17 health; and

18 WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools
19 such as the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by talking
20 to their health care provider; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and
22 stroke, Friday, February 6, 2009, is recognized as "National Wear Red Day" at the state
23 capitol.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize, Friday, February 6, 2009, as "National Wear Red Day"
26 at the state capitol and encourage all citizens to show their support for women and the fight
27 against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red, increasing
28 awareness, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association.